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As a long-time software engineering professional in the state of Washington I can tell you first hand that Microsoft is relentlessly predatory and unethical in its dealings with ISVs in addition to OEMs. The DOJ settlement with a proven illegal monopolist is appalling, and the ridiculous loophole of "The software code that comprises a Windows Operating System Product shall be determined by Microsoft in its sole discretion." in the settlement definitions is absolutely obscene.

Just about the only thing I respected the Clinton administration for was taking on Microsoft. The Bush administration has betrayed my vote, and threatened my livelihood and that of thousands of other software professionals with its handling of the matter. I am disgusted and will not forget.

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